

BEAR RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Summary
February 19, 2002

ATTENDEES:

Committee: Claudia Conder (PacifiCorp)
Conrad Michaelson (Bear Lake Co.)
Roy Bunderson (Bloomington)
Jim Kimbal (Bear Lake Preservation Committee)
Olene Parker (Love Bear Lake)
Ray Welker (City of Grace)
Jeff Johnson (Applicant)
Miles Geddes (Franklin Co.)
Richard Gilbert (Caribou Co., alternate)

Others: Kelly Holt (PacifiCorp alternate)
Jody Williams
Jake Jacobson
Jerry Sehlke
Charles E. Brockway
Cindy Bird
Alex Hudson
Gary McKee
Jim Rush
Bill Ondrechen
Helen Harrington

Summary

Committee selection was finalized with a decision to have Olene Parker fill the second seat for representation from a citizen group. Alternates for Caribou County (Richard Gilbert) and for Olene Parker (Ron Jensen) were identified. Committee members were asked to have alternates identified to ensure that they are represented when the primary representative is unavailable for a meeting.

The committee did not feel any additional representation was needed on the committee. It was felt that the current size and membership could address the issues that will need to be included in the management plan. If concerns or issues are brought to light from the public or interested parties, they will be directed to the committee member representing that interest group or area.

The committee discussed the four topics listed in the Director's Order which need to be addressed in the preparation of a management plan. The group agreed that the first priority that needs to be addressed is "*Appropriate requirements for*

measuring and reporting of water withdrawals by new and existing uses from surface and ground water sources". However, further discussion identified the interconnection and relationship among all the topics.

Helen was tasked to looking into the decree and determine the completeness of the water right information. Additionally, Helen will obtain available data on the use of community systems versus individual domestic systems. Helen will arrange for next meeting's speaker to discuss the current requirements for monitoring and reporting water use in the Bear River basin as well as measurement and reporting activities by IDWR.

The committee decided to have a working group develop a rough draft management plan. The working group includes Claudia Conder, Jeff Johnson, Conrad Michaelson, Roy Bunderson and Helen Harrington. The group will meet between now and the next meeting. The intent of the work group is to develop an outline and draft plan for presentation to the entire committee.

The committee discussed timeframes for the completion of a management plan. No time requirement was identified in the Order. The committee felt a rough draft could be completed by summer. A tentative final completion date of one year was discussed and generally considered to be achievable. Further discussion of timeframes was deferred until after the working group has met and determined the amount of work required. The committee also discussed the frequency of meetings. It was decided that monthly meeting should be held and proceed through summer without any break.

Bill Ondrechen, IDWR Hydrologist, made a presentation about the hydrology of the Bear River. He discussed issues relating to the Bear River Compact, diversions, water administration and historic water level data.

The next meeting is set for March 19, 2002. It will be held at 1:00 pm in Room 103, Caribou County Courthouse.